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SUBJECT: INITIAL JAPANESE REACTION TO MOSCOW SUMMIT

SUMMARY; INITIAL PRESS AND OFFICIAL PUBLIC REACTION STRONGLY ENDORSES SUMMIT AGREEMENTS BUT EXPRESSES DISAPPOINTMENT OVER LACK OF MIRV ACCORD. BEHIND SCENES FONOFF WORRIED OVER APPARENT LACK OF PROGRESS ON ISSUES AFFECTING JOINT U.S.-JAPANESE COOPERATION ON SIBERIAN VENTURES. END SUMMARY

1. PRESS AND MEDIA COVERAGE OF MOSCOW SUMMIT HAS BEEN VERY HEAVY, MATCHING THAT GIVEN TO IMPENDING UPPER HOUSE ELECTION, BUT LIMITED FOR MOST PART TO BLAND AND STRAIGHTFORWARD REPORTAGE. EDITORIAL COMMENT, JUST BEGINNING TO EMERGE, WELCOMES AGREEMENTS REACHED BUT EXPRESSES DISAPPOINTMENT IN FAILURE TO ACHIEVE MIRV ACCORD.

2. JULY 5 PRESS CARRIES BACKGROUND FONMIN COMMENTS WELCOMING OUTCOME OF SUMMIT AS STEP TOWARD NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT IN MIDST OF WORLDWIDE TRENDS TOWARD
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NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION. WHILE REGRETTING LACK OF

AGREEMENT ON MIRVS, OFFICIALS HOPED THAT US AND SOVIETS WOULD WORK TOGETHER IN NEW SALT ROUND. THEY FELT THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF PERIODIC SCHEDULE OF SUMMIT CONTACT WOULD LEAD TO FURTHER DETENTE.

3. NOMURA, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FONMIN'S FIRST EAST EUROPEAN DIVISION, TOLD EMBOFF JULY 5 THAT PRESS GUIDANCE BASED ON PRELIMINARY REPORT PREPARED IN HIS OFFICE FOR MINISTER AND VICE MINISTERS. SAME REPORT WILL PROVIDE BASIS FOR FORTHCOMING SPEECH AT GENEVA BY AMBASSADOR NISHIBORI. IN ADDITION TO REITERATING POSITIVE POINTS NOMURA SAID REPORT EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT OVER LACK OF EVIDENCE IN SUMMIT DOCUMENTS OF PROGRESS ON ISSUES WHICH HINDER UNITED STATES FROM COOPERATING WITH JAPAN ON SIBERIAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. ECONOMIC AGREEMENTS REACHED APPEARED ONLY TO HAVE ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL VALUE. NOMURA STRESSED INITIAL AND TENTATIVE NATURE OF APPRAISAL, AND SAID HE HOPED FURTHER STUDY MIGHT SHOW SIGNS OF FORWARD MOVEMENT ON JEWISH EMMIGRATION QUESTION, EX-IM CREDITS, AND OTHER ISSUES WHICH DISPOSE CONGRESS AGAINST JOINT US-JAPAN VENTURES IN THE USSR.

4. COMMENT: STRESS ON TENTATIVE NATURE OF ASSESSMENT PROPERLY PLACED. FONMIN WORKING LEVEL HAS NOT HAD CHANCE EVEN TO READ MUCH LESS STUDY ALL SUMMIT DOCUMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY TEXTS SUCH AS SECRETARY'S MOSCOW PRESS CONFERENCE. FURTHERMORE, HIGHER LEVEL OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN TOTALLY PREOCCUPIED WITH SUNDAY'S UPPER HOUSE ELECTION. WE EXPECT MORE SOLID, SOPHISTICATED AND AUTHORITATIVE REACTIONS TO EMERGE GRADUALLY.
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